
APRIL 18, 1808.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole house to-morrow.

An Act

To authorize the president of the United States, under certain conditions, to suspend the operation of the act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and the several acts supplementary thereto.

1 *BE it enacted by the senate and house of representatives*
2 *of the United States of America, in congress assembled, That in the*
3 *event of such peace or suspension of hostilities between the bellige-*
4 *rent powers of Europe, or of such changes in their measures af-*
5 *fecting neutral commerce, as may render that of the United States*
6 *sufficiently safe, in the judgment of the president of the United*
7 *States, he is hereby authorized, during the recess of congress, to*
8 *suspend in whole or in part the act laying an embargo on all ships*
9 *and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and the*
10 *several acts supplementary thereto, under such exceptions and re-*
11 *strictions, and on such bond and security being given as the public*
12 *interest and circumstances of the case may appear to require:*
13 *Provided, such suspension shall not extend beyond twenty days*
14 *after the next meeting of congress.*

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Read the third time, and passed the senate.

Attest,

SAMUEL A. OTIS, *Secretary.*